

WONDERFUL NEWS!

The Owasippe Staff Association

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You're Invited

The OSA's 7th Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 2, at Giannotti's Banquet Hall, 7709 W Roosevelt in Forest Park. The evening's agenda calls for a family-style dinner, election of board members, special recognitions of service, induction of new operating officers, door prizes, dancing and plenty of socializing! This year's event will highlight the Scouting endeavors of Victor "Bud" Liden as we bestow upon him Honorary Life Membership in the OSA.

Honorary Life Membership is presented to an individual who has given of themselves in an extraordinary manner to the Chicago Area Council camping properties and Scouting program. Bud Liden has been an active member in the Chicago Area Council for many years as well as an ardent supporter of the Owasippe Staff Association. Many will remember Bud as the dedicated ranger at Valley View Training Center and for his volunteer involvement with many of the council activities. Most notably, during the last several years, Bud volunteered his time and talents in countless carpentry projects at Owasippe such as in Model Cabin, the Hillcrest Lodge, and the Blackhawk Dining Hall.

The cost for the banquet was set at \$20 per ticket...if paid by February 18. After that date, the per-ticket price will be \$23. Reservations must be made in advance by check or money order payable to the OSA. Tickets will not be sold at the door nor will phone requests be accepted. For further information, please call the cochairpersons, Phil "Chauncey" and Mary Beth Niziol at 562-4874.

It should also be noted that we are reuniting the 1965 and 1975 summer camp staffs and volunteers that served at Owasippe in those years. So, getting a table together for this event may be a very good idea!



PRESIDENT's PERSPECTIVE

by Mark Behnke

I realized just now that six years have passed (very quickly) since I became a member of the OSA board of directors. Six annual dinners, six picnics, six fix-its, six pizza nites, six elections, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera...where did they all go? The most important question, however, is "Why did we do it?"

All the above occurred for the direct or indirect benefit of a camp dear to all of us...Owasippe. It is the hope of all board members, past and present, that the history of the OSA always serves to perpetuate the future of that important place in our lives and in the lives of those Scouts yet to camp there.

The time has come now for me to move aside as a member of the board. That does not mean, however, that I will step into obscurity. All members should do the most they can through the Association and through independent means to aid Owasippe and Scout camping in its noble objectives. It is a challenge we cannot afford to ignore.

Some members still linger too much in the background when their obvious leadership ability is needed. This has often caused activities to be less than satisfactory and, on some occasions, to be deleted completely.

All of us need to reconsider what we can do to make the OSA work better for all of us and for the future of Scout camping in Chicagoland.

In the meantime, I hope to see you and yours at our seventh annual meeting and banquet where we can once again reunite in a special brand of fellowship unique to our Owasippe.

LOTTER RESIGNS

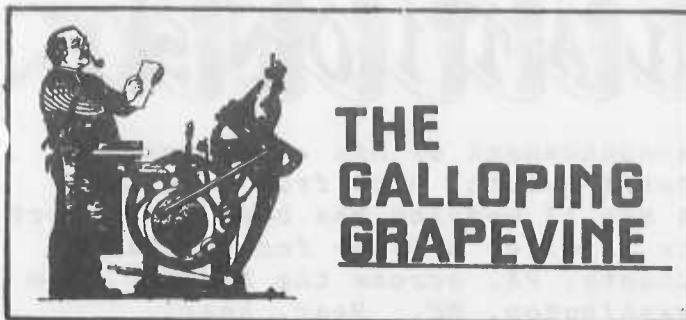
Faced with an inability to actively participate as a board member, Bill Lotter recently announced his resignation as a director. Having moved near Tulsa, obvious obstructions have occurred hampering ease of travel and communication that is necessary to being effective in that capacity. His decision was made in the best interest of the Association thus permitting another elected member who can actively contribute to fill the void for his remaining term of 1 year. The forthcoming election, then, will permit the voting for four (4) directors instead of the usual three. There are six candidates for the 85-86 board. See the special election insert for details.

Bill was one of the original founders of the OSA providing the energy and enthusiasm necessary to give the organization meaning and life. He has served on the board of directors since the inception of the OSA in 1978. He was an operating officer for four years having served as vice-president and, most notably, as treasurer overseeing the updating of the accounting system and the introduction of the membership endowment fund.

An Eagle Scout and a graduate of National Camp School, Bill served for three years as the aquatic director of Camp Stuart and was an assistant ranger at Yorkville Scout Camp. An OSA event rarely went by without the added enjoyment of a musical accompaniment by Bill and his accordion.

We wish Bill, his wife Judy, and their two children all the best in their new home and endeavors.

- Ron Kulak
Editor



Enjoying the scenic winter wonderland of Austria in early February are Bob Halston, John Payne, and Ted Tala. Bob, who is a ranger at Owasippe, is also the Assistant Chief of the Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department which is housed near the old entrance to Camp Blackhawk. The volunteers just recently received a high commendation from the State of Michigan.

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It has been reported that Scott Reid of Cicero is in the running for President of the Young Democrats of Cook County. He is presently their Vice-Chairman. Scott served as OSA Nominations and Elections Chairman last year.

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Milton Gray of Highland Park, IL, wrote in some time ago to correct a report in a prior newsletter of ours. He is a partner in the law firm of Altheimer and Gray, Chicago (vs. being retired). He said that he is certainly not on any pension unless one exists for retired camp staff of Owasippe. He was a camper at Camp Dan Beard in 1924-25 and returned there in '26 and '27 as a member of the staff. From 1928-34, Milt worked on the GHQ staff at the old Double-O. Our best wishes are indeed extended to him.

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A warm welcome goes out to Ira Katz of Glendale, CA, who recently joined our OSA ranks. He served as a camp counselor in 1931 as bugler at Camp Checagau and again in 1932 as a nature counselor/mail clerk. He additionally served on the '33 World Fair camp staff and was an Assistant Scout Executive in Los Angeles in the 40s. Ira is currently President of Tri-Ess Sciences, Inc., also of Glendale, CA.

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John Schmidt and a number of other Scouters are interested in forming a philatelic group that would draw attention to the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge in Chicago. This group would serve as merit badge counselors, sponsor workshops, and stimulate general interest in this hobby. If you would like to help, you can contact John at 254-9513. Schmitty worked on the Owasippe staff in the late 30s and 40s and earned a reputation as an expert handicrafter.

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Named as a Scoutmaster of Chicago's Jamboree Troop 572 is Ed Wendling from Oak Lawn. Ed has been a Scoutmaster in that town for a number of years and an avid camp leader. He has gained some notoriety as the council's premier volunteer plumber. The National Jamboree will be held at Fort A.P. Hill, VA, beginning on July 22. If you know of a Scout that would like to go with our Council's contingent, please have them call the Scout Service Center, 559-0990.

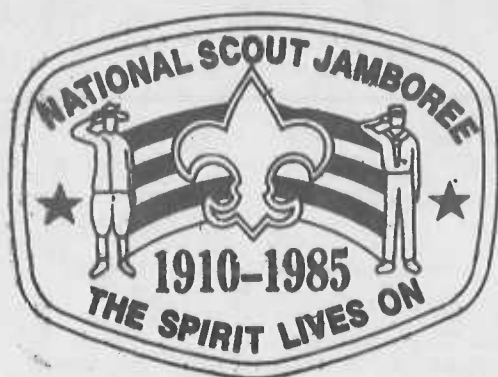
We would also like to greet another staffer to the OSA, Craig Kenny. He worked on the Owasippe staff in '78 at Camp Stuart and then on the Ad Center staff in '79. Presently, Craig is a student at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Blackjack or roulette anyone?

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* 7th ANNUAL BANQUET - March 2 *

* Giannotti's Banquet Hall *

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CONGRATULATIONS

Our sincerest best wishes are conveyed to W. Patrick Foster of Dixon, IL, who was recently presented with the Silver Beaver Award at the Chicago Area Council's Annual Recognition Dinner. This year, the gala event was held at the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn on January 26th. Pat is the founder, editor and developer of the "Chicago Area Scouter" newspaper. Retired from Sears, Pat spends his summer at Owasippe as the Director of Trading Post Services. Since coming under his direction, sales and profits have more than doubled.

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Congrats to Jack Copeland who recently celebrated 60 years in the Scouting movement! Jack is active in the Indian Boundary district and is a past district executive from Chicago. He served on the Owasippe camp staff in the 30s and 40s. He presently resides on the northwest side of Chicago.

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Those who attended the November Pizza Nite at the Stempien VFW Hall had the additional pleasure of being present for Curt Andrich's public

announcement of his engagement to Terri Wright, also from Virginia. A May 11 wedding has been set. Curt is a police officer for Fairfax County, VA, across the Potomac from Washington, DC. Hear, hear!

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Kudos to Stephen Horvath, Jr., who received his PhD in Education this past Fall. Aside from volunteering his services as Chairman of the Camp Development and Properties Committee, Steve is Superintendent of Cook County School District 109. He is married to Terri, Director of Camp Reneker, and is the father of three staffmen: Curt, Paul, and Stephen III.



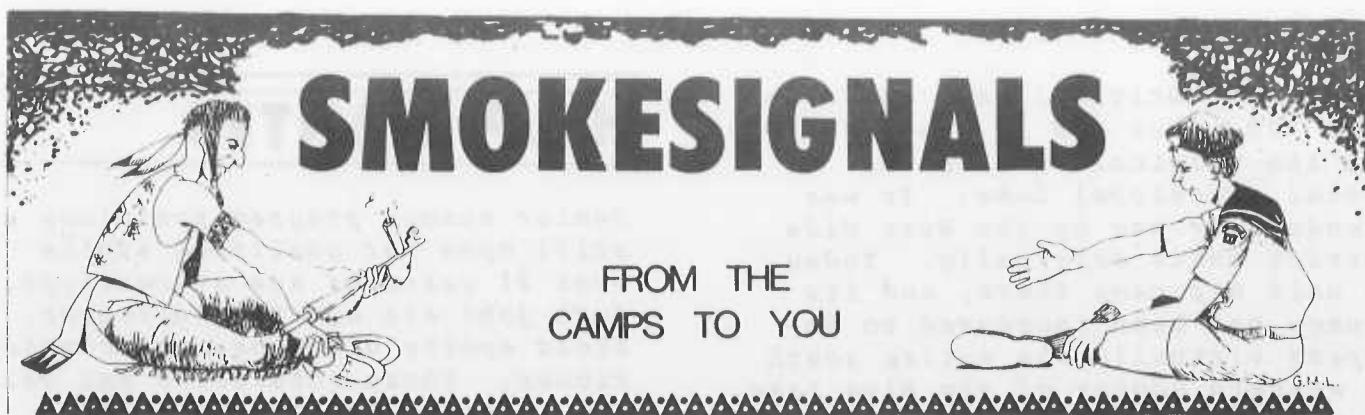
Congratulations go out to Members Russell and Carol Martino on the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Catherine, who came aboard on Nov 3rd at 6:48 AM weighing-in at 7lb. 7oz and 19½ in. long! The proud parents reside in Burbank, IL.

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NOVEMBER PIZZA NITE





REAL ESTATE

A current update of acreage owned is 3,020. 1984 taxes totaled \$81,871 of which 96% is just in Blue Lake Township. The difference of 4% is for land owned in Whitehall Township. The council is currently making efforts to acquire 180 privately-held odd lots scattered within its present core area.

ADMIN-STAFF

Reservation Director...Robert Poole
 Assistant R/D...Brent Robbins
 (Program)
 Assistant R/D...Alan Lambert
 (Services)
 Assistant R/D...Edward Hoolehan
 (Properties)
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 Food Services...Hillary Steggall
 Director-Blackhawk...Eric Jensen
 Director-Carlen...John Kyle
 Director-Crown...Doug Walters
 Director-Reneker...Terri Horvath
 Director-Wolverine...Wm. Schaefer*
 Business Office Mgr...Glenn Roberts
 Trading Post Mgr...W. Patrick Foster

(*Editor's Note: This will be Bill's 15th consecutive season on staff for Owasippe)



ANNIVERSARIES

We erred in prematurely announcing the Diamond Jubilee of Owasippe. It will be more appropriately commemorated in 1986.

A. Stamford White, the first council president, did negotiate the procurement of the first 40 acres as a donation from the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce in 1910. However, it wasn't until the following summer in 1911 when Major H.H. Simmons arrived to the campsite on Crystal Lake with a contingent of workmen and Scouts to organize a permanent facility, Owasippe.

BUT...it will indeed be the 60th anniversary of the opening of Camp Blackhawk and the Alfred Stern

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UP 'N OVER!



One of the Project COPE events.

Lodge. The original camp was made up of 300 acres and is about 9 miles from the original 40 acres on Crystal (Owasippe) Lake. It was intended for use by the West Side District units originally. Today, any unit may camp there, and its acreage has been increased to encompass virtually the entire south and western shores of Big Blue Lake. Its modern dining hall can hold up to 500 Scouts and leaders.

It was also in 1925 that E.B. DeGroot donated his farmhouse and land on Crystal Lake to Owasippe where it was eventually used as the camp's headquarters (until 1961), commonly referred to as "Double-O". '25 was also the year that E. Urner Goodman became reservation director. (Editor's Note: A full account of the early years of the camp will be published in our yearbook to be distributed at our upcoming banquet)



Scouters depart from the newer Blackhawk dining lodge.

HELP WANTED

Senior summer program positions are still open for qualified adults over 21 years of age at Owasippe. Such jobs are aquatics director, field sports director, and commissioner. Those interested may call the Reservation Director, Bob Poole, at 559-0990 for further details.

Also, the camp administration is seeking adult volunteers to be provisional unit leaders for one or two weeks during the summer for district-organized units comprised of Scouts who will not be afforded an opportunity to go to Owasippe with their own troop. All registration fees for this provo-leader will be waived by the Council in return for his time and services with this troop. If interested please contact R. Poole.

OWASIPPE TRAILS

Dave Schlichting has announced plans to rebuild and reblaze the yellow trail along the north side of the White River on federal land. The trail will begin from roughly Camp Hiawatha Beach and head across county-line bridge and north in the direction of old Camp Manistee. It's that portion which will be complete by this summer. Future plans call for the crossing of the North Branch and heading the trail eastward to Pines Point. Those beginning work on this are Tom Crissey, Bill Dopke and Jim Richerson. A new topographic map is not anticipated until the entire yellow trail is completed, hopefully in 1986.

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THE CAMP ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING DONATIONS OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT FOR USE THIS SUMMER SUCH AS SILVERWARE, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, BINDERS TWINE, ¼-IN. ROPE, AND SCREENING. A MAIN ITEM IS AN INDUSTRIAL DISHWASHER.

» RECOMMEND-A-MEMBER «

As has been stated before, the OSA relies on its membership to provide contacts for new members. The mobility of our society today renders many of the addresses on past staff rosters useless. If a friend or relative of yours is eligible for the OSA but has yet to join our Association, please submit to us his/her name and address on the spaces provided below, and we will send out an application. You could play a role in expanding our membership with very little effort.

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Please mail the completed form to Membership Chairman, Owasppe Staff Association, PO Box 7097, Westchester, IL, 60153.

MEMBERSHIP:

by Mike Campbell

NEW ADDITIONS

A warm welcome is extended to our newest members:

Ira Katz - Glendale, CA
Craig P. Kenny - Chicago
Dave Kubski - Worth, IL
Brian P. O'Reilly - Chicago
Randy Reichel - Blue Island, IL
Michael Rinehart - Cicero, IL
Jim Smolinski - Chicago
Robert P. Ward - Chicago
Robert Wilcox, SR - Oak Lawn, IL

REGISTRATIONS DUE

On the back of our election insert is a roster of our 84-85 membership. Please refer to it to check on your registration status. If only paid through 84, there are several means available to you for renewal:

- 1) Send in \$5 just for 85
- 2) Renew for several years at \$5 per year

3) Register for Life at \$100

It is important to sign-up now to ensure continued correspondence and to be able to vote in our coming board elections (see insert). Payments can be forwarded to the OSA's PO Box or to Membership Chairman Mike Campbell, 7601 W Strong, Harwood Hts., IL, 60656. He can also be reached at 867-7215 in the evenings.

LIFERS

We are proud to announce the addition of two new Life Members: Tim Fass of Riverside, IL, and John Payne of Cicero, IL. This brings the total roll call of OSA Lifers up to 36!

YOUR VIEWS

We are interested in knowing if you would like us to publish and distribute a survey of the membership to see if we're on track.

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STAMPS FOR CAMP

S&H Green Stamps will again be collected through early June to purchase needed program and/or maintenance equipment for the camping properties. Stamps or certificates should be mailed to the OSA, brought to our events, or dropped-off at the Scout Service Center, 730 W. Lake St.

VIBRATIONS is published quarterly under the auspices of the OSA, PO Box 7097, Westchester, IL, 60153. It is the intent of the Owasippe Staff Association to support and stimulate interest in Owasippe and to preserve the ties of fellowship between past and present staff. Ideas and editorials should be sent to the above address c/o Ron Kulak.

CHANGES IN DATES:

April 19-20	Shakedown Weekend Apprentices/Assocs. Camp Kiwanis
Sept 20-22	Chicago Area Council Family Camping Wknd. Hoover Scout Reserv. Yorkville, IL

